

Seattle Fire Department

Fire Code Advisory Board

Fire Code Advisory Board Meeting – Meeting Minutes of Nov 5, 2019

Fire Protection Division, Large Conference Room/SKYPE

Board Members Attending

Scott Peterson	James Fair	Kevin Marr	Amy Liu
Carlene M Comrie	Chris Todd	Kurt Lustig	

Guests Attending

David Mow			
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Board Members Absent

Rae Anne Rushing	Brad Middleton	Fritz Chess	Hugo Sotelo
Tara Henriksen			

Fire Department Members Attending

FF Anderson	Ken Brouillette	Robby Noble	Rich Richardson
Lt Williams			

Chairperson Jim Fair called the meeting to order at 1305 hours; a quorum was present.

Items for Review and Discussion:

1. Opening Remarks –Chairperson Jim Fair
2. Introductions – Members and Guests
 - a. Carlene had trouble being heard over skype but will comment via text box.
3. Review September 17th minutes
 - a. Motion from Kevin Marr to approve minutes as is. Motion is seconded by Chris Todd. Minutes approved unanimously.
4. Review proposed changes to Chapter 33 of the 2018 Seattle Fire Code-Ken Brouillette
 - a. Fire safety during construction/demolition. Has been reviewed by SHU team and Fire Marshal/Assistant Fire Marshal. One change to be made. Prior to that, were there any comments from the FCAB. Hearing nothing, Ken moved on to the changes.
 - b. 3308.9: This is new in this edition of the code. It moved the mass timber language from 2021 into the 2019 code. This is a related provision.
 - c. #3 requires at least one layer of noncombustible protection when building exceeds six stories. We know it will be difficult to do when the building is open to elements. We intend to make a blanket exception unless the fire code official chooses to require it.
 - i. No concerns were expressed.

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- ii. These changes will be part of the final package at the start of next year.
 - d. Kevin: The exception is not currently written out.
 - i. Ken: That is correct. We are just checking in about the concept.
 - ii. Kevin: I don't want to approve it until it's written out.
 - e. Jim: What day were the revisions we are looking at?
 - i. Ken: These are the 2018 amendments, along with some WA state amendments.
- 5. Review proposed changes to Chapter 50 of the 2018 Seattle Fire Code-Ken Brouillette
 - a. This is just Chapter 50 of the new code with our existing amendments applied. Are there any questions about the chapter? (No response)
 - b. Kevin Marr motion to approve as drafted. Motion was seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- 6. Update on Washington State Amendments to the IFC-Ken Brouillette
 - a. State building code meeting on Oct 10 will include WA state fire code amendments. Ken will send the document they are reviewing to the group. Feel free to email him about any questions and issues there may be from these amendments. We will discuss it more formally at the next FCAB meeting.
- 7. Future Agenda Items
 - a. Working with SDCI on chapter 9. The meeting will be on Thursday at 1200 hours at SMT. Rich and Ken will both be there, but you are also welcome to attend.
 - b. Next meeting dates.
 - i. Nov 19: Several conflicts
 - 1. Amy unable to attend
 - 2. Kurt has a meeting from 1-2
 - 3. Carlene in Japan that week
 - ii. Dec 3: One conflict
 - 1. Jim Fair has a conflict
 - 2. Kevin is available
 - iii. Dec 17: No conflicts
 - iv. Jan 7: No conflicts
 - v. Jan 21: No conflicts
 - vi. Feb 4: No conflicts
 - vii. Feb 18: No conflicts
 - viii. All but Nov 19 will be meeting dates. I will be adding them to the state boards and commissions page. There will be calendar invites coming soon.

Motion to adjourn made and seconded. Chairperson Jim Fair adjourned the meeting at 1330 hours.